



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re U.S. Patent Application of	)	
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MATSUNAGA et al.	)	
	)	Art Unit 1637
Application Number: 10/009,363	)	
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Filed: March 21, 2002	)	Young J. Kim
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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD	)	
FOR GENE EXAMINATION	)	
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Attorney Docket No. NITT.0049	)	

Honorable Assistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116**

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the office action dated February 10, 2005, in the above identified application, to which the period for response is set to expire on May 10, 2005. Please amend the above identified application as follows: